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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstituted for estimating data on shipments valued $251-$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued $100-$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000-$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
$100,000-$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
$20,000-$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $3,000 to $15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $500 to $5,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	73,193	(X)	18,959	7,671	34,780	8,352	1,350	1,703	540,605	(X)	73,825	36,010	299,601	99,975	13,700	11,234
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	27,295	7,774	2,604	12,693	3,371	386	312	(X)	207,180	32,690	10,505	111,546	43,527	3,090	3,011
St. Albans, Vt.....	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Boston, Mass.....	1,941	1,222	304	-	1,608	12	12	6	17,844	10,665	1,409	-	15,992	125	220	97
Buffalo, N.Y.....	145	145	145	-	-	-	-	-	1,582	1,567	1,582	-	-	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	32,575	10,798	2,804	1,931	22,781	3,841	277	941	285,782	95,890	16,869	14,244	202,778	41,924	2,776	7,190
Philadelphia, Pa.....	396	233	67	1	229	72	5	21	4,131	2,339	270	18	2,636	1,096	13	99
Baltimore, Md.....	40	40	27	-	12	1	-	-	426	426	89	-	327	10	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	7	-	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	140	89	140	-	(Z)	-	-	-	224	76	219	-	5	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	486	206	465	13	7	1	-	(Z)	1,269	576	1,117	57	67	25	-	2
Laredo, Tex.....	471	271	350	(Z)	-	121	-	-	778	550	686	9	-	83	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	76	76	66	-	10	(Z)	-	-	580	548	450	-	125	5	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	35	27	35	-	-	-	-	-	116	98	116	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	3,908	1,652	950	105	1,441	1,144	225	43	52,812	20,071	8,973	1,340	17,835	21,030	2,925	709
San Francisco, Calif...	1,912	811	163	41	240	1,070	391	7	31,259	12,510	1,541	433	3,946	19,615	5,672	52
Portland, Oreg.....	65	25	8	1	55	(Z)	-	1	256	102	28	1	214	3	-	10
Seattle, Wash.....	748	461	233	13	231	226	19	26	10,856	6,342	2,763	50	3,648	3,582	284	529
Anchorage, Alaska.....	7	(Z)	-	-	6	2	-	-	113	1	-	-	50	63	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	347	301	2	-	(Z)	218	126	-	1,858	1,257	68	-	24	1,323	443	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	69	69	69	-	-	-	-	-	421	421	421	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	306	305	131	-	21	155	-	(Z)	2,939	2,933	862	-	328	1,748	-	1
Duluth, Minn.....	51	18	18	-	34	-	-	-	133	70	70	-	63	-	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	1,421	1,219	234	21	1,093	13	3	58	7,054	6,167	1,127	33	5,717	41	20	116
Chicago, Ill.....	6,008	2,914	1,837	2	3,539	462	5	163	42,247	21,304	11,239	33	26,556	3,715	32	671
Cleveland, Ohio.....	413	139	326	-	82	4	-	(Z)	2,068	471	1,788	-	251	26	-	3
St. Louis, Mo.....	25	5	5	-	-	21	-	-	1,938	34	34	-	-	1,904	-	-
San Juan, P.R.....	787	605	717	27	30	-	-	13	1,551	1,064	1,070	172	236	-	-	74
Miami, Fla.....	10,786	5,055	5,887	4,702	173	21	(Z)	3	31,169	14,015	13,313	16,591	1,072	141	1	51
Houston, Tex.....	723	327	238	75	180	89	-	140	5,463	2,156	1,477	961	1,523	832	-	671
Washington, D.C.....	445	85	3	65	372	4	-	2	8,957	971	3	558	8,217	170	-	9
All other districts....	49	44	10	2	35	1	-	1	1,810	1,745	45	22	1,626	110	-	7
Shipments under $251...	8,434	(NA)	3,726	673	2,596	876	286	278	18,697	(NA)	6,193	1,487	6,358	2,404	1,315	940
Special Category.....	378	154	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6,261	2,811	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero. than 500 pounds or $500.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

NA Not available.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	56,310	(X)	7,829	5,440	31,338	11,149	328	168	304,135	(X)	28,329	9,037	193,822	66,593	2,459	3,824
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	27,435	3,727	2,132	14,941	6,465	110	59	(X)	149,495	15,052	3,755	85,478	442,748	1,224	1,237
St. Albans, Vt.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	21	21	21	-	-	-	-	-
Boston, Mass.....	2,226	1,304	52	2	2,141	22	-	9	9,874	5,903	542	7	9,243	59	-	23
Buffalo, N.Y.....	185	171	158	-	23	5	-	(Z)	1,468	1,213	1,031	-	322	83	-	31
New York City, N.Y....	27,727	13,910	590	1,863	21,633	3,467	65	109	172,914	72,257	4,975	5,279	140,353	19,310	433	2,564
Philadelphia, Pa.....	387	276	2	1	371	12	(Z)	2	5,363	4,273	16	5	4,474	25	5	838
Baltimore, Md.....	115	103	13	-	83	7	(Z)	12	715	641	154	-	439	12	3	107
Savannah, Ga.....	107	106	17	-	88	2	-	-	288	287	73	-	215	1	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	40	4	7	29	4	-	-	-	326	47	152	29	145	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	194	63	188	1	5	(Z)	-	-	244	145	191	18	33	2	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	145	112	144	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	445	199	426	-	6	13	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	12	9	11	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	378	.337	369	-	5	4	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	5	3	1	-	-	3	-	-	29	26	3	-	-	26	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif....	3,706	2,135	207	92	696	2,602	107	2	27,662	13,102	3,657	691	6,797	15,277	1,176	64
San Francisco, Calif...	3,236	2,573	20	13	196	2,962	45	(Z)	28,240	21,420	1,008	27	2,003	24,764	436	3
Portland, Oreg.....	51	51	1	-	50	(Z)	-	-	289	289	18	-	271	(Z)	-	-
Seattle, Wash.....	552	362	130	-	110	311	1	(Z)	5,410	4,372	1,918	-	573	2,913	5	2
Anchorage, Alaska.....	10	2	1	-	7	2	-	-	226	141	84	-	80	61	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	145	70	18	-	9	86	32	-	1,517	876	28	-	377	822	289	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	17	17	17	-	(Z)	-	-	-	314	314	313	-	1	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	18	18	16	-	2	-	-	-	192	191	186	-	6	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	18	16	4	(Z)	7	6	-	-	313	266	79	1	201	32	-	-
Duluth, Minn.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	625	550	131	-	479	14	-	1	2,663	2,112	879	-	1,685	99	-	1
Chicago, Ill.....	2,511	1,026	204	(Z)	2,140	156	(Z)	10	21,643	10,693	3,164	3	17,407	1,001	12	56
Cleveland, Ohio.....	108	19	42	-	62	5	-	-	696	69	392	-	288	17	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	8	7	1	-	6	1	-	(Z)	217	119	120	-	86	8	-	2
San Juan, P.R.....	1,447	313	1,158	176	105	7	-	1	2,037	935	1,011	240	756	24	-	5
Miami, Fla.....	7,069	3,701	3,806	3,112	138	13	(Z)	(Z)	9,062	4,593	5,388	2,480	1,129	61	3	2
Houston, Tex.....	286	172	142	4	108	25	(Z)	6	2,562	1,848	246	70	1,954	186	4	102
Washington, D.C.....	329	318	39	-	283	6	-	1	1,862	1,803	18	-	1,796	41	-	7
All other districts....	29	24	26	(Z)	2	(Z)	-	-	1,066	1,002	1,034	8	21	3	-	-
Shipments under $251...	5,003	5,003	682	148	2,589	1,435	77	14	6,099	6,099	831	181	3,156	1,750	94	17

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